THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) Shri N.N. Vohra former Union Home Secretary and former Principal Secretary to Prime Minister who has been apointed as the Government of India's representative to initiate and carry forward a dialogue with the elected representatives, various organisations and concerned individuals in the State of J&K made a two day visit to J&K on 5th and 6th March, 2003. He had preliminary meetings with Constitutional figures in the State *i.e.* Governor, Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, Speaker of Legislative Assembly, Chairman, legislative Council, Leader of Opposition in Legislative Assembly and Leader of Opposition in Legislative Council.

Tunnel at Indo-Pak Border

†2854. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item under the caption, "Bharat-Pak seema per 30 meter lambi surang"; and

(b) if so, details of facts thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 11 January, 2003, the Border Security Force troops of border outpost Kassoke of Ferozepur sector of Punjab detected an unfinished tunnel in an area which had a thick growth of 'Sarkanda" (elephant grass). The length of the dug tunnel was approximately 15 meters, diameter about two and a half feet and its opening at a depth of approximately 2 to 3 feet below the surface. The tunnel has since been filled up with earth.

Management of international coastal borders

2855. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any arrangements exist whereby part of the expenses for the management of international coastal boarders are borne by the Central Government;

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(b) if so, length of the coastal borders managed by different coastal States and the expenses incurred by Central Government with respect of each State coastal border during 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, and what arrangement, if any, is being worked out for sharing such coastal management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) India's international maritime borders are managed by the Indian Navy and Coast Guard. India has a coast-line of 7516.6 Km. running along Gujarat (1214.7 Km.), Maharashtra (652.6 Km.), Goa (118 Km.), Karnataka (280 Km.), Kerala (569.7 Km.), Tamil Nadu (906.9 Km.), Andhra Pradesh (973.7 Km), Orissa (476.4 Km.), West Bengal (157.5 Km.), Daman and Diu (42.5 Km), Lakshadweep (132 Km.), Pondicherry (30.6 Km.) and Andaman and Nicobar Islands (1962 Km.). Government of India is reimbursing to Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat, the expenditure incurred by them for the joint coastal patrolling being conducted off the coasts of Maharashtra and Gujarat as a special measure. Details of the reim-bursement released to the Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat during the last three years are as under:—

Year	Maharashtra	Gujarat
2000-2001	Rs. 296 lakhs	Rs. 204 lakhs
2001-2002	Rs. 312 lakhs	Rs. 188 lakhs
2002-2003	Rs. 1.99 lakhs	Rs. 0.49 lakhs

(c) Considering the vulnerability of the country's coasts to illegal cross border activities, the Governments of the coastal States and Union Territory Administrations were advised to prepare perspective plan for coastal security. Government would provide such assistance as feasible for implementation of the plan.

Demonstration for Security of Kuki Tribal Area

†2856. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kuki students of North-East had staged a

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